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## TARIFF ON CATTLE.

Cattle Men Appear Before the Committee on Ways and Means and are Heard.

## MEXICAN GRAZERS WANT LOW TARIFF

Congressman Curtis of Kansas Says Under the First 21 Months of the Wilson Bill 361,000 Cattle were Imported.

Washington, Jan. 5.—A large delegation of western men appeared before the ways and means committee this morning, the schedule being agricultural products and cattle. F. H. Rockwell, Warren Par cattle raisers, grazing in both Mexico and Kansas, opposed a high duty. They said the McKinley rate on cattle was prohibitive and injured the Kansas farmers who were benefited by international grazing. Herds taken to Kansas became products for the market in six to eighteen months. M. M. Sherman of Salina, Kan., said two-thirds of the cattle imported from Mexico are owned by Americans. He thought high duties on cattle had been decided on by congress to keep out Canadian competition, without a thought of the Mexican business. The chief effect of the law was to injure Americans who invested money in Mexico. He was asked why he removed to Mexico. Sherman said because of a lack of range here, or rather it was impossible to acquire a title to such ranges as could be done in Mexico and moreover the American laws gave competitors the advantage of all improvements that man introduced in his business. Mexico could never become a competitor of the United States. Congressman Curtis of Kansas, said he represented a district in which more Mexican cattle were fed than any other. In behalf of the American cattle raisers, feeders and farmers, Kansas asked to have restored the duty of \$10 a head on cattle a year old and over and \$2 a head on calves. In the first twenty one months of the Wilson law 361,000 cattle were imported into the United States. Kansas cattlemen were unable to rise as good stock as formerly on account of the importations of Mexican stock. Consumers of beef had been fed a poor quality under the Wilson law than ever before. If congress would restore the duty Kansas would pledge herself to reduce her share of cattle without raising the price of beef.

## TANNER TAKES A HAND.

Van Clive Appears with Orders to Defeat Cochran at All Hazards.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5.—Hon. W. O. Van Clive is in the land for speaker and is giving the machine trouble and it now looks as if he will defeat it. Its desperate resistance by Governor-elect Tanner sending Van Clive down with orders.

Van Clive was breathless when he arrived and as soon as he got his wife he roared out orders he does when calling the roll of the city council.

Coming from Tanner, and he sent word to you that Cochran's got to be beat.

Tommy Jamieson was pleased, but Hertz looked as if a man who had been repelled to press out his hand in a poker game when the pot was still full of blue chips.

"It's got to be done, boys," added Van Clive. "Tanner's mad. You've got to beat Cochran, and it doesn't make any difference who it's done with."

Van Clive is a good deal of a man just now. He is regarded, not as the governor's enemy, but as his adversary, and the news went into Allerton's room and into Cochran's and all around the hotel. Cochran took the bit in his teeth, and Jonathan Merriam and Daubert and others of his friends said that Van Clive could go to the very devil for all they cared they were going to have Cochran at all hazards.

At 7 o'clock Dr. Jamieson said there would be some concerning the speaker's office in the near future. It was pretty generally understood that Schubert was to be elected by main force, if need be, with Van Clive's credit to be said, he would have been amenable to the voice of reason with a view to the republican party.

The countrymen from far down in Egypt were howling mad and wanted to know if the machine was going to take everything in sight and not leave anything to them.

Some of Mason's friends were disposed to think that their only salvation lies in Cochran's election. It was noticed, too, that some legislators who are not unfriendly to Van Allerton made frequent trips into Cochran's headquarters. Madden was evidently pleased with the prospect of getting Schubert out of the way,

and he didn't care much who was the residuary legatee. He could stand Sully, or Allen, or anybody else, but the election of Cochran, or even Cochran's aggressive campaign, boded him no good.

Just after supper Mr. Cochran said: "If I am elected to the speakership of the house, as I expect to be, I shall make up the committee of the house with fairness and with due regard to the wants of the people of the state of Illinois. One thing is certain—they will not be framed so as to advance or retard the campaign of any candidate for the United States senate. I should take my own time to make them, and when that work was done I would announce them in the usual way."

So at 8 o'clock last night it was the state administration as against Cochran. Cochran's friends were bold and sunny, and walked around the hotel with chips on their shoulders. They said if Tanner wanted to make that issue with them, after promising to keep hands off the contest, they were ready for him and would fight it in the caucus and fight it through the legislature, and in the senatorial fight, too.

The candidates for speaker met late last night and decided to hold a house caucus tonight at 7.30 in the tea room of the Leeland hotel. The candidates could not agree among themselves as to who should call the caucus to order. Col. Bryan was willing that Cochran or Sully or Allen should serve as chairman, but no decision was reached in the premises.

Col. Bryan will probably get seven or eight votes out of Cook county, and his chances of success are regarded as quite good. He has conducted his campaign in a dignified manner, without creating dissension or ill feeling. He will go into the caucus with a good following.

Last night passed away with Schubert, or rather Hertz, holding up the speakership by the tail. Hertz will not let go. The hand of Hitt and Allerton is seen in this contest now for the first time, because they are determined that no Madden man shall be made speaker of the house if they can help it.

On the other hand, Madden's friends are howling made at Hertz and go to the length of saying openly that Allerton is responsible for it all, and they believed that Allerton is behind Hertz in holding Schubert up and refusing to let him go. They intimate, moreover, that Hertz is playing fast and loose with them and that he does not want Madden for a candidate. They think he has not the pluck to fight Madden openly, but wants to kill him off by pushing some man inimical to Madden's interest into the speakership.

Schubert Withdrawn. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5.—A radical change in the speakership fight developed this morning which may result in the election of F. C. Curtis of Grant Park. The Cook county delegation claim he will be chosen on the first ballot at the caucus tonight. They having withdrawn Schubert's name. The anti-machine people still claim Cochran's election.

Fight for Supremacy in Springfield. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5.—The fight for supremacy in the senate is still being bitterly waged. The combination formed by Dwyer and Morrison to overthrow Evans, has so divided the senate that neither side can claim a victory. The struggle for United States senator remains unchanged unless the arrival of Tanner may be used in Madden's favor.

## FILIBUSTER SUCCEEDS.

The Dauntless Lands the Expedition Attempted by the Three Friends.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 5.—A Key West dispatch says the Dauntless landed its expedition in Cuba. This was the same expedition the Three Friends attempted to land when pursued by a Spanish gunboat, and left at No Name Key, and from which it was taken Friday by the Dauntless. It consisted of 400,000 cartridges, a thousand rifles, one twelve-pound rapid fire Hotchkiss gun, dynamite, medicine, etc., and fifty men.

## Double Hanging at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 5.—Wm. Downing and Charles Williams were hanged in the jail yard this morning, the former for the murder on board a schooner in the harbor, during a drunken quarrel of his friend, Charles Ross; the latter for killing Emma Lane, colored, with a bullet fired at a man.

## Queen Vio to Abdicate.

London, Jan. 5.—The Westminster Gazette gives prominence to the report that Queen Victoria has decided to abdicate the fact that she enjoyed the most lengthy reign in English history by abdicating in favor of the Prince Wales.

## On to Washington.

Dubuque, Iowa, Jan. 5.—Senator Allison has so far recovered that he left for Washington this morning. He repeated the denial of rumors concerning his name with a cabinet position.

## Not Going to Cuba.

Washington, Jan. 5.—There is no truth in the report that Sherman, chairman of the foreign relations committee, intends to visit Cuba.

## BANKER SUICIDES.

Christ Schuler, Jr., Treasurer of a Pittsburg Bank Found Dead This Morning.

## MINISTER WILLIS REPORTED DYING.

General Francis A. Walker the Political Economist Stricken with Apoplexy This Morning and Dies Soon After.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 5.—Christ Schuler, Jr., treasurer of the National Bank for Savings, suicided last night. The body was discovered this morning hanging from a rafter in a closet in the Allegheny gymnasium. His health was undoubtedly the cause. His accounts are all right.

## Minister Willis Dying.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 5.—Advice from Honolulu says United States Minister Willis who has been ill for some time is much worse. His physicians have given up hope and his death is momentarily expected.

## Gen. Francis A. Walker Dead.

Boston, Jan. 5.—General Francis A. Walker, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was stricken with apoplexy this morning and died soon after. He is widely known as a political economist and literature.

## CONGRESS REASSEMBLES.

A Fair Attendance of Members is Noted After Holiday Recess.

Washington, Jan. 5.—There was a fair attendance on the reassembling after the holiday recess in the house. Broderick (Rep. Kan.) presented a resolution relating that a large tract of land in Kansas in the grant to the Union Pacific railway to which patents have not yet been issued, most of which lands have been sold to purchasers who have made valuable improvements; that the land office at Topeka is allowing homestead entries of these lands without apparent legal authority and calling on the secretary of the interior to report a copy of patents to these lands not issued and why the land officers are allowing such entries to be made on them. Adopted. The house then went into committee of the whole to consider the Loud bill to amend the law relating to second class mail matter. The bill withdraws from the newspaper the same copy privileges and denies to books sent through mails as serials at newspaper pound rates. Before the holiday recess Loud had made an argument in favor of the bill. On resumption of its consideration today Quigg of New York, took the floor in opposition. He characterized the bill as revolutionary and reactionary. If passed it would inflict a blow on every occupation engaged in printing and distributing books and newspapers.

The Senate. The attendance was rather meagre at the opening. Peffer (Kan.) introduced a bill "to improve the banking business," Shoup (Idaho) one to alien ownership of lands in territories. Call (Fla.) introduced a resolution asking the president to lay before the senate in secret or open session all reports in relation to the condemnation by Spain at Havana of Sanguilly, an American citizen; also one directing the secretary of state to demand his immediate release. They went over. Peffer, then addresses the senate on his resolution for a national monetary commission. It provides for a commission of five to investigate the entire monetary subject and report within a year. Peffer's address dealt largely with the heterogeneous character our various kinds of money and the uncertainties of the present financial system.

At the conclusion of Peffer's speech his resolution was referred to the finance committee. The bill reducing the cases in which the death penalty shall apply was passed. Adjourned.

## Important Papers Lost.

Washington, Jan. 5.—According to the communication sent to the house today which stated that some papers showing the amount due the Pacific roads sinking fund on accounts of subsidies paid the Pacific Mail Steamship company have apparently been lost. The senate, Dec. 10, called for them. Acting Secretary Curtis replied today that they cannot be found.

## Killed Himself Before the Sheriff.

Newton, Iowa, Jan. 5.—A young man, supposed from a letter found on him to be named Olson and from near Marshalltown, rushed into the sheriff's office this afternoon and stated someone was going to kill him, drew his knife and severed the jugular vein. The affair is mysterious.

## NOT PIRACY.

Senator White Says That Charge is Not Applicable to the Three Friends.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senator White of California, who successfully defended the Itata from a charge of piracy, gives it as his opinion that no prosecution for piracy can properly be instituted against the Three Friends. Senator White, when asked his opinion on the matter yesterday called attention to President Cleveland's message in 1885, in which the president said:

"By decree, the Colombian government proclaimed the closure of certain ports, then in the hands of the insurgents, and declared vessels held by the revolutionists to be piratical and liable to capture by any power. To neither of these propositions could the United States assent."

Proceeding, Senator White says:

"Neither could the vessels of the insurgents against the legitimate sovereignty be deemed hostes humani generis within the precepts of international law, whatever might be the definition and penalty of their acts under the municipal law of the state against whose authority they were in revolt."

"President Harrison, in a message to congress concerning the Itata decision, recognized the limitation of the application of the neutrality law to a condition of affairs where belligerency was recognized, and recommended and amended to the law. In a message on the Itata case, Mr. Harrison said that the court had held that—

"Inasmuch as the congressional party of Chili had not been recognized as belligerents, the act done in its interest could not be a violation of the neutrality law."

"If something is not done soon after the reconvening of congress with the Cameron resolution, it is likely that some effort will be made by the friends of Cuba to check the 'excessive seal' of the president in maintaining a fleet off the coast of Florida to interfere with commerce between this country and the island of Cuba, which this government understands to be in a state of peace."

"The feeling appears to be very general in congress that the administration is far exceeding its duty under the neutrality law in the manner in which the shipment of arms and munitions of war is interfered with. The point plainly stated by many of the Cuban sympathizers is that since this government refuses to recognize that there is a state of war in Cuba, the same technicality which binds the administration to this state of affairs on that island should operate also to keep the neutrality laws from being put into operation."

## PROTESTS AGAINST DAWES.

Callon Against the Franston Man's Appointment to Any of the Big Jobs.

Cleveland, Jan. 5.—It is not known here yet just what the mission of Senator Callon yesterday was, but it is stated that he protested against the appointment of Charles G. Dawes to any position of great prominence in the president's official family.

The second day's visit of Mr. McKinley in Cleveland was a quiet one. It was a gloomy day, and the report that the major had commenced work on his inaugural address possibly served as a polite notice for visitors to stay away.

James R. Garfield, son of the late president, and Congressman Collins of Michigan were the only callers during the day. National Committeeman A. B. Cummings of Iowa, called on Mr. Hanna, but did not go out to Windemere to see the president-elect.

Major McKinley expects to go back to Canton on Wednesday, but for that day only. Mrs. McKinley will remain at the Hanna residence, and upon the major's return, which will occur not later than Thursday morning, both will go to the home of Col. and Mrs. Harrier for the remainder of their visit.

## Extent of the Storm.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The storm that has been raging for the last forty-eight hours in the northwest has not increased in severity, save perhaps in Iowa, and the signal service office in this city, which runs affairs generally in the northern Mississippi valley, is upon record as declaring that, within a short time, the storm will "probably abate." The wind has been high throughout the storm and, in some instances, has shown remarkable pertinacity in changing to high figures, it having, for thirty-six hours, kept up a fifty-two mile per hour gale at Huron, S. D.

Falling temperature is general in the lake region and the upper Mississippi valley, but there has been no heavy fall of snow west of Iowa.

In Iowa the fall of sleet and snow has been very heavy and the reports indicate lower temperature and more snow.

In western Kansas there has been much trouble because the snow is packing across the tracks and trains have been held at the eating stations until the tracks can be cleared. The storm is practically over in this locality and the sky is clearing. Nebraska has had about the same experience and is under drifts anywhere from two to ten feet.

## WASHINGTON NEWS.

What Our Regular Correspondent Thinks of the Status of the Cameron Resolution.

## SENATOR WOLCOTT'S EUROPEAN TRIP

Is Not Going at the Request of McKinley—Republicans Will Vote to Confirm Secretary Francis in Any Event.

Washington, Jan. 4.—(From our regular correspondent.)—Mr. Cleveland may or may not send the special message to congress on Cuban affairs, which report says he has prepared during the recess, but his action in ordering the cruiser Vesta and the dispatch boat Dolphin to proceed to Florida waters and join the United States vessels already there in preventing filibustering, is a notification to congress that the administration has not in the slightest changed its attitude towards Cuba. Conservative men in the senate will endeavor to privately argue with those senators who are regarded as likely to make incendiary speeches on the Cameron resolution, in order to have them not speak at all, or at any rate if they do speak, not to use language calculated to excite the country. There is no question that the conservative men in both branches of congress, regardless of their personal opinion about what should ultimately be done by this government, believe that as long as the matter has been allowed to stand up to this time, it will be wisest to leave it enacted upon until the change of administration. And it is the opinion of your correspondent that whatever the senate may do, the house will take this view of the matter and will do nothing.

The fact most strongly brought out by the first week of the tariff hearings before the house ways and means committee is that, taken as a whole, the men who have appeared before the committee have taken a common sense business view of the tariff, and have asked for nothing that could not be granted without violating the announced intention of the committee to make a moderate tariff bill—just enough protection to give our own manufacturers, producers and working men the first call on the American market, admittedly the best in the world.

Needless to say that Chairman Dingley and his Republican colleagues on the committee are pleased with the hearings as far as they have gone. It would have been a waste of time for anybody to have asked unreasonable things, but it is none the less pleasing that they have not done so.

The house recesses with a program mapped out for a week's work, outside of the appropriation bills, which are being steadily pushed ahead by the committee. Tuesday and Wednesday the Loud bill shutting novels, books published serially and sample copies of newspapers out of the privilege of being sent through the mail at pound rates will be discussed and disposed of. The fate of the bill is in doubt with the chances slightly in favor of its being defeated by a small margin. Thursday the Pacific railroad funding bill will be taken up, and after four days discussion it will be voted upon. The general impression is that it will pass, although its opponents will make a strong fight against it, and are claiming that they can defeat it.

While Republicans in congress have nothing but good wishes to express towards the trip Senator Wolcott has undertaken for the purpose of ascertaining what is thought in Europe of the proposed effort, which this congress will authorize, and which will be made early in the administration of President McKinley, they do not wish the statement to go unopposed that Senator Wolcott went upon this errand at the request of the Republican caucus committee of which he is chairman, or of President-elect McKinley. This contradiction can best be given in Senator Wolcott's own words: "I am going solely at the request of the bimetallic league to examine into the general sentiment on the subject throughout the world, and report to the league. I go in formally and unofficially, and I deprecate any publication which intimates anything else. The league desires to know before the extra session of congress is called, exactly what the situation is. I expect to be able to return and make my report within two months. I cannot say what my course will be abroad, except that I will first consult with the bimetallic league of Great Britain."

The Republican senators are just human enough not to do anything to prevent the silver Democrat carrying out their threat of hanging up the nomination of gold Democrats sent to the senate by Mr. Cleveland, except in cases where failure to confirm might make future trouble, as for instance, Secretary Francis. It might make disagreeable and costly legal complications for years if the senate failed to act upon his nomination to be secretary of the interior, and the Republican senators will see that his nomination is acted upon; but in the other cases, every nomination left unacted upon means another appointment placed at the disposal of President McKinley. Republican senators would not have originated such a method of increasing the party patronage, but they are not called upon to interfere now that the silver Democrats have done so.

## SURVIVOR'S STORY.

Tells of the Week of the Commodore, Twenty Miles from Shore.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 5.—One of the survivors of the Commodore given the following graphic details:

The tug sank at 7 o'clock on Saturday morning, twenty miles off New Smyrna. All the Americans on board remained until the last moment. A traitor in Spanish pay was the cause of the leak. He will be found out and dealt with later. The leak was discovered at about 3 a. m. The pumps would not work long, though they did good service for a while. Finding that the water gained on us the captain called all hands and the vessel was turned shoreward. As it continued still to sink, two boatloads of Cubans, twelve men in all, were first sent off; one boat containing six men, was capsized, and I am afraid that the men were lost. One of the life boats, containing nine men, was swamped, and a hastily constructed raft was made up from materials thrown to them and they then disappeared from our sight.

"Captain Murphy, Stephen Crane, the newspaper man Higgins, myself, and one other sailor took to the ten-foot dingy at the last moment. We tried to save the men in the water around us, but the heavy seas and blinding wind swept them from us. The spray was so thick that we could see only a few rods. Their cries were heartrending, but we could do nothing. It required all our efforts to keep our small boat right side up. For twenty-four hours we battled with the heavy sea, constantly heaving, and at last land was sighted. As we attempted to land the wind drove us into the breakers and in an instant the boat was overturned and we were struggling for life. For an hour we battled for life and then managed to crawl out on the sands almost dead. Captain Murphy saved Mr. Crane by helping him when a cramp caught him. Higgins was struck on the head by floating timber and he died soon after landing. He was a good sailor and a brave man. He worked hard to save his comrades."

## Tragic End to a Debauch.

Williamette, Conn., Jan. 5.—The house of Mrs. Mary Cole, on the North road, has stood lonely and silent for close upon a week. This morning Chief Hillhouse, of the local police, and Benjamin Plummer, a neighbor, forced a window to investigate. A ghastly sight met their eyes. Sitting on the edge of the bed was Mrs. Cole, with a gash several inches long up her forehead. The body reclined as not the footboard. The spark of life had not yet fled, but she cannot live. In the doorway of the room was the corpse of Abraham Ernestus, who boarded with her. A piece of clothes line was knotted around the neck. He had hanged himself from a nail over the door and the nail had pulled out. Probably he had taken his life after attacking Mrs. Cole. The couple had evidently been on a protracted debauch. Mrs. Cole had separated from her husband. Ernestus had a family, but had long been out of work and was a disolute fellow.

## President-Elect McKinley.

Cleveland, Jan. 5.—Major and Mrs. McKinley remained entirely at Windemere, Mr. M. A. Hanna's suburban home, yesterday morning. The only visitor who had an audience with the president-elect was Congressman Corlies of Michigan, who drove out to Windemere during the morning. Mr. Hanna did not arrive at his office until nearly noon. He had a large number of callers among whom were National Committeeman A. B. Cummings of Iowa. Mr. Cummings stated that he came to Cleveland on personal business, and his visit at this time had no political significance.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley took a drive in the afternoon and in the evening received a few personal friends. The president-elect will go to Canton Wednesday evening on personal business and return the next morning.

An important conference will take place tomorrow but with whom Mr. Hanna refused to say.

## Crossed the Line.

Madrid, Jan. 5.—Havana advices are to the effect that the insurgent leader, Gomez, has crossed the military line of Pinar del Rio. A dispatch from Matilla state that 4000 insurgents were surprised and routed by Spanish troops.





## JANUARY SALE.

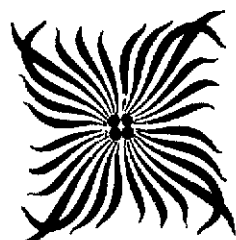
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## LOCAL NEWS.

Skating is good. Felt boots and overs at Waggoner & Co.'s for \$1.90.

Since 1877 Squire R. P. McHenry at Clinton has married 400 couples.

The noble hearted women of Danville have forwarded \$267.45 to the sufferers in Armenia.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

The Windsor hotel at Bloomington was closed yesterday by Jeff Burke. He will reopen the house soon.

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. moh 25-dtf

Irwin's Cascara tablets sure cure for constipation; 90 doses, 25c.

Installation of Grand Army Post officers tonight. The officers of the W. R. C. will also be installed at the same time.

New upright pianos \$295, \$350, \$375 and \$390. A good upright piano, slightly used, for \$150 on payments. Call and select for Christmas. Prescott music house.—dec7-dtf

C. E. Perry is to retire as manager of the Grand opera house at Bloomington on Feb. 1. It is probable that J. T. Henderson will be Mr. Perry's successor.

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

The funeral of Ida Hill, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hill took place this afternoon from the family residence, 1078 South Dorenda street.

This evening the Republicans will meet in caucus at Springfield and vote for choice of Speaker of the house. Mr. Cochran is in the lead for the place and is shy only a few votes of a majority.

Gentlemen's soiled and faded overcoats or suit of clothes dyed, cleaned, pressed and repaired. Take your clothes to first-class dyers and cleaners—to Miller's Steam Dye House, 145 North Main street.

A party giving his name as Richard Sheridan, Chicago his home, was found loitering in the corridors of the court house last night. He was trying to find a place to sleep. He was taken in by the police and put in the city prison for the night.

At the meeting of the members of the official board of the First M. E. church held last night, the Bloomington church resolutions on the death of Rev. James Miller were endorsed and ordered spread upon the church records. Grace church at Bloomington will be notified of the action of the board.

Mama cuts a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 113, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—91-dtf

An interesting experiment is to be tried in New York by the Standard, which is to publish a daily edition devoted exclusively to the trial and sporting matters. In addition to covering local affairs, the paper will publish letters, by telegraph and mail, from special representatives in all the cities of America. The corps of correspondents is now being organized by Leander Richardson, formerly editor of the Dramatic News and now with the Standard.

Weddings seem to be the order of the day.

Mr. Harry Palmer and Miss Meek Butt were united in marriage by Rev. O. B. Hunsbaker last Friday night at the home of the bride's parents, in the presence of the immediate relatives.

Al Butte had a "hog killing" time Thursday.

Doris Bevans of Decatur, visited with her cousin, Lucile Parris, over Sunday.

Charles Carr attended the Butt-Palmer wedding.

The protracted meeting which has been in progress for some time at Bulking Springs, closed last Friday night.

Miss Louise Baum and Myrtle Nelson spent New Year's with the family of I. K.agy of Elwin.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison, of Worthington, Ind., has written: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Anna Steble, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a headache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and strength. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bottle at West's drug store.

## CONTEST AT THE GRAND.

High School Literary Societies in Active Competition.

The Alpha Beta and Sapphonian literary societies of the High school of this city will give their third annual literary contest at the Grand opera house next Friday evening, Jan. 8. They have spent a great deal of time during the past few months in order to make this the best program they have ever given. Heretofore the contest has taken with great favor and this promises to be the event of the season in connection with the high school. Prof. J. J. Sheppard of the high school, will act as chairman. Music will be furnished by the opera house orchestra. Following is the program:

Music by orchestra.

Debate—"Resolved, that governmental control of the telegraph is inadvisable. Negative, Wayne C. Williams, James W. Montgomery. Affirmative, Myrtle Flint, Estella V. Williams.

Music by orchestra. Oration—"Modern Oracles," Benson A. L. Myers; "Our Heritage," Adella Bishop.

Essay—"Voices of the Night," Mary Toladay; "Hamilton and the Constitution," Charles M. Steele.

Music by orchestra. Recitation, "The Little Hero," Maggie Vento; "Shamus O'Brien," Charles Record.

Music by orchestra. The admission will be 15 and 25 cents. A certain sum must be raised to defray the necessary expenses of the contest and therefore the young people hope that they will be generously patronized. In case they realize above the expenses the surplus will be devoted to new books for the high school library. This fact alone ought to induce every lover of the public schools in the city to buy a ticket or two to the entertainment.

## AT TURNER HALL.

Members of the St. James German Catholic Choir on the Stage.

There was a large audience at Turner Hall last night when the members of the St. James German Catholic church choir gave their third annual entertainment, which was in three parts, musical, dramatic and comedy. Everybody did well and each number was applauded.

## Concert.

Piano Solo—Professor C. Becker of Milwaukee.

Song—St. James church choir.

Violin Solo—Professor Otto Soldan.

Song—St. James church choir.

Violin Duet—Bernard and Joseph Spuech.

Doll's Cradle Song—Augusta, Marie and Anna Spuech.

Tenor Solo—Albert Ehrhart.

Violin Solo—Professor Otto Soldan.

Baritone Solo—Paul Kastner.

Song—Ladies of St. James' choir.

Song—St. James' church choir.

Piano solo—Professor C. Becker.

## Comedy-Drama.

The comedy given was "Hente Mir, Morgan Dir." This was the cast:

Flausig and Zelsig—P. Kastner and B. Marty.

Natzel and Friedel—F. Keckusen and J. Erlor.

Schmul and Itzig—R. Lohmbueller and M. Spuech.

Wirth Zum Rothen Ochsen—K. Young.

Farce.

The entertainment closed with "Arabella's Poor Relations," a farce in one act.

Arabella—Miss Minnie Mueller.

Mary Taylor—Miss Lizzie Frank.

Mr. Clarendon—Bernard Marty.

The church choir will realize a neat sum from the entertainment.

## The Stage.

"The Lady Slave" play was put on the stage at the Grand last night in elaborate style as to settings, costumes and light, while the orchestration by the home musicians was very creditable to Prof. Walter and his artists. The high prices served to give a haughty appearance to the house. The audience was not large but it represented big money for the number. The entertainment was fairly good; many expressed disappointment. Mr. Daly as an oddity was a success.

Della Fox will be here Tuesday night, the 12th.

Lewis Morrison comes in "Richardson" on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

"Tennessee's Partner" is booked for Thursday, Jan. 15.

## Married in Canada.

Andrew Murdoch and Miss Kittle McDugall were married at the home of the bride's parents at Kincardine, Ont., Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. McKennon performing the ceremony. Mr. Murdoch is the manager of and buyer for the cloak department of the Linn & Scruggs Dry Goods and Carpet company. He came here two months ago from Chicago, where he was employed in a similar position by Marshall Field & Co. He has made many friends during the short time he has lived in this city. Mr. Murdoch and bride have arrived in the city. They are stopping at the Carder house.

## Presbyterian Church.

The special meeting at the Presbyterian church last night was largely attended in spite of the bad weather, the large lecture room being well filled. Considerable interest was manifested. Mr. L. F. Zinner, the gospel singer, proved to be quite a capable leader as well as solo singer. He sang "When the Tide Comes In" very effectively. In the chorus singing he was assisted by twenty-five or thirty of the young people of the church. The services are to continue each evening.

## A SHORT SESSION.

The City Council Soon Finished Their Business Last Night.

## THE CLAIM OF MRS. O'CONNOR

For Funeral Expenses of Her Son was Discussed at Length and Laid Over Till the Next Meeting—Other Business Transacted.

The city council held a brief session last evening. The business was quickly disposed of and the adjournment was taken up by the discussion of a petition of Mrs. O'Connor asking that the city give her \$250 to pay the funeral expenses of her son who was killed while working for the city, but the matter was laid over until the next meeting. The Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Co. asked for a rebate of \$84.41 on the assessment for the stone curbing on North Water street. The ordinance had provided that 101½ feet of curbing should be set in front of their property while only 63½ feet were put there. The petition was referred to the public improvement committee.

George Storminger asked that his saloon license be transferred to N. Schorer. Granted.

## Reports.

The report of the city treasurer showed that there was a balance due in the bank of \$9,719.81.

Marshal Mason reported that during the month there had been 108 arrests and of this number 38 were inmates of nine different gambling houses which had been raided.

Engineer Barnett reported that 51,000,000 gallons of water had been pumped and 358 tons of coal used during the month.

Street Superintendent Alexander's report showed that \$262.93 had been expended for labor in the month in that department.

Water Inspector Rathaufr reported an expenditure of \$76.97 and a collection of \$20.

## Sewer Complete.

The public improvement committee recommended as completed the sewer in the alley first north of Eldorado street from Jasper east to Stock street. Mr. Mathias moved that the report be adopted but Mr. Gogerty protested. He was of the opinion that the sewer was not built according to the contract and he discussed the question for some time. The report, however, was adopted and then Mr. Gogerty said to the city attorney that he proposed to enjoin the city in the collection of the taxes for the payment of the work.

## Bills.

A number of bills were read by the clerk and approved by the council. Among them was a bill of Dempsey & Giblin for ten yards of paving at the south end of Maryland street. The finance committee reported that W. T. Dillehunt was entitled to a rebate of \$2.50 on account of a clerical error made in the assessment.

## An Ordinance.

The clerk read an ordinance for the laying of a five eighth inch lead service water pipe on North Main street. Aldermen Carter and Hankins and Engineer Burgess were appointed a committee to appraise the property affected by the improvements. Referred to the ordinance committee.

## Mrs. O'Connor's Suit.

Alderman Montgomery spoke in regard to the petition of Mrs. O'Connor asking the city to pay funeral expenses of her son who was killed while working for the city. She asked that the city pay her \$250 some months ago, but the matter was delayed and she began suit against the city and the latter beat her. She expresses herself as being satisfied with the funeral expenses. While the city was not legally bound it seemed proper that the money be paid and the committee having the matter in charge thought that as \$100 was expended in carrying on the suit this amount should be deducted from the balance she wanted and give her the balance. Mr. Lee said that about a month after the young man was killed Attorney Black came to him to know if the city would pay the funeral expenses and Mr. Lee told him the city would not talk of settlement until an administrator had been appointed. This was the last heard until it was learned that Mr. Johns had been employed by her to bring suit.

Alderman Mathias wanted Mrs. O'Connor allowed the full amount and Mr. Abrams wanted to give her \$200. Mr. Hankins moved that \$125 be allowed her. Mr. Simpson thought a bad precedent was being set. If some one else should be killed while employed by the city they would want \$200. Mr. Irwin then moved to adjourn and the vote was a tie and declared lost. Mr. Abrams moved that the petition of Mrs. O'Connor be referred again to the finance committee but another motion to lay the matter over until the next meeting was carried. The council then adjourned.

## Splendid Offer to Ladies.

A nice piece of music will be given free with each copy of a January magazine. Chodat News House.

## EVENTS AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

Where Senatorial Candidates May be Found—Brilliant Electric Illumination.

Decorative politicians and citizens generally will have their eyes on Springfield during the next few weeks during the election contest for United States senator. It is to be a battle royal. There are at least six men of prominence who are after the toga. All can be found at the Leland hotel. Mr. Madden has room 5; Mason rooms 10 and 20; Hitt, 15 and 16; Carr, 7 and 8; Allerton, 206 and 207; Little, 85. Mason, Hitt and Little are on the prior floor of the house. The others are in the old familiar rooms near the office. Mason's are the old Logan rooms, and William will sit in the familiar rocking chair well known to Logan's friends. Allerton's rooms are in the new part of the house, although the pumbers, 206 and 207, would indicate to the contrary. He is only a few doors from Carr and Madden.

The legislature meets the 6th, the inauguration comes the 11th, the senatorial caucus will come about Thursday, the 14th, a few days before the formal balloting in the general assembly. There will be great goings on for many days to come.

## Inauguration Illumination.

The electrical illumination of the state house for the inauguration of Governor John R. Tanner will be of a novel character and will be the finest and most elaborate display in the way of illumination ever seen in Springfield.

There are now in the state house 4000 gas jets, about 1000 incandescent electric lights, and sixty are electric lights of 2000 candle power each, making a grand total of 5600 lights in the interior, or 350,000 candle power.

There will be an elaborate display of Chinese lanterns, lighted by electricity, for both the interior and exterior of the building. Colored statuettes will also be a feature of the electrical decoration.

The crowning piece of work will be an electrical five pointed star, consisting of forty red, white and gold lights, which will be on the extreme top of the dome. This star will be five feet in diameter. The lantern will be illuminated with four 2000 candle power arc lights.

The base of the lantern is festooned with 20 colored lights each, one at the base of the arch of the dome and one in the center of the dome above the portico. On the interior there will be 436 16-candle power colored and frosted incandescent lights, festooned in the senate and hall of representatives, the dome, the library, the corridors and such of the committee rooms as are used by the guests for dressing rooms. The interior of the dome will be decorated with sixty lights inclosed in Chinese lanterns of beautiful colors.

## Ex-Romanist.

Margaret L. Shepherd nee Sister Magdalen Adolado, will lecture in the Christian tubernacle on Thursday afternoon and evening, Jan. 7, afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Special private lecture to ladies only, subject, "Secret Confession to the Priest" exposed, and reasons why protestants should not marry Roman Catholics. Evening lecture at 8 o'clock, for both ladies and gentlemen. Subject, "The sacrifice of the mass: is the wafer the body, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. Admission 15 cents.—5d1t

## Fourteen Sleepers.

At the short street police station last night there were fourteen stragglers without a place to lay their heads. They begged for a place to sleep where the wintry blasts would not strike them and they were accommodated. All got away this morning early and hustled for the back doors to get something to eat. It is the same old story with this class of people every day.

## New Phones.

The following people put in Citizens' Mutual telephones last week: 312—R. E. Bolos, residence. 604—Mrs. W. J. and Will Chenoweth, office.

324—Dr. H. C. Jones, office. 390—E. M. Neely, residence. 34—Western Union telegraph office. 276—Arcade hotel.

The Henry G. Custer benefit ball at Gephart's hall last night netted the telephone electricity \$35. It is the purpose of Alderman Gephart who is thus developing as a philanthropist, to give a series of benefit balls at the hall during the winter for the relief of worthy people.

In the county court last evening Isaac Reed pleaded guilty to throwing a stone through the window at Whittington's saloon and Judge Hummer gave him a sentence of thirty days in the county jail.

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## A. Tariff Lesson.

Chairman Dingley, while the tobacco schedule was under consideration Monday, called attention to a fact which is very common in low tariffs and one which low tariff people refuse to consider. He stated that the Wilson bill reduced the tariff on Sumatra leaf 50 per cent and the result has been that importations have been increased 40 per cent while the price has advanced 50 cents a pound to the consumer. This was not a profitable business for the Sumatra leaf grower in the United States nor for the consumer in this country.

The result of the change made by the Wilson bill was to cripple the grower, of whom there are many in Connecticut and New York, and force many of them to abandon the business for which their soil is adapted and go into raising other crops in competition with those whose land is adapted only to other crops. It may be asked how did that raise the price of the tobacco to the consumer when the tariff, the tax, was lowered? The answer is plain. The tobacco raiser in the United States was a competitor when he had protection sufficient to protect him in the business. When this protection was withdrawn he had to go out of the business and he was thus destroyed as a competitor when the importer, seeing the advantage he had in control of the market put up the price on the consumer. Reducing the tax did not, therefore, reduce the price to the consumer and in this respect the Wilson bill for reducing taxation is a fraud. It is not only so in this case but in many others when the duty was put below the protective point and drove our people out of the business.

This is proved by the effect of the raising of duties making them protective. An increase of the tariff on Sumatra leaf will operate to reinvigorate the American producer in the business and he will be come a competitor and the result will be that the tariff will not operate as a tax but will reduce the price to the consumer and will buy the goods cheaper than he does now under the lower duty of the Wilson bill. The higher duties on cotton ties, under the McKinley tariff established the business of manufacturing cotton ties in this country. That did not operate as a tax on our people but on the contrary the price of cotton ties was reduced 50 per cent which, added to this, put 8000 men to work making cotton ties. The high duty on tin plate did not operate as a tax to the consumer but on the contrary established that industry in this country, giving employment to 55,000 men. What can be said of these industries can be said of hundreds of others. Low tariffs are a fraud. They have ever been a failure in this country. They have always eventually resulted in raising prices to the consumer by destroying or preventing home competition and added to this they have prostrated business by destroying the demand for labor which always results in rendering our people unable to be profitable consumers.

When a new tariff is enacted which will afford protection to our people then we can expect to again become prosperous as we were from 1865 to 1893 when the low tariff people came into power and not only destroyed our prosperity but rendered the government unable to meet its running expenses.

## Will Gomez Surrender?

A report has been sent out from Havana to the effect that Gomez is about to surrender to the Spaniards. This report does not seem plausible on its face. There is no apparent reason why that distinguished patriot should pursue such a course at this time. He has been successful in leading his army toward Havana without a set back. Nearly three-fourths of the island is in his possession. Weyler has failed to restore Pinar del Rio and is no farther along by way of putting down the rebellion than Camaguey was when Weyler succeeded him nearly a year ago. Spain in the meantime has become bankrupt and every day is less able to cope with the rebellion in Cuba while added to these conditions there is the formidable insurrection in the Philippine Islands against Spanish sovereignty. So it would seem that Gomez could have no reason for contemplating resignation much less surrender. Then again through the machinery of Spain his son lost his life only a few weeks ago and as a father he certainly feels inclined to push Spain to small as effectively as he can.

It is true that filibustering expeditions were sent to the island in the last two weeks, and not to be discouraging. Spain had the entire Cuban coast, for more than 1600 miles of it, and she will soon find a way to land there. In the meantime the most dis-  
tressing thing to freedom for Cuba is  
the administration put in power  
people.

Hon. James E. Sharrock, of this senatorial district, is reported in an interview to have said he was opposed to the election of Hon. W. O. Cochran as speaker because when that gentleman was speaker before he did not treat him (Sharrock) as he should have been treated. The people of Macon county desire the election of Mr. Cochran to the speakership. They have treated Mr. Sharrock fairly and see no reason why he should take the course he seems to have taken for the reasons he states. Assuming what he says is true still Mr. Sharrock could protect himself much better by making sacrifice than by defying the people who elected him. It is always better to defer to the wishes of a constituency in the interest of good neighborhood and popular politics than to follow the lead of a few schemers who care no more for harmony in the party than the devil cares for harmony in a church, and it is to be hoped Mr. Sharrock has been misquoted.

There is a strong probability that a storm may suddenly burst in the vicinity of Grover Cleveland. The later developments show that his conduct in the Cuban matter is fully as reprehensible as his course in the Hawaiian affair. In both he has violated precedent, patriotism, independence and national honor to serve royalty. Having taken it upon himself to interfere with commerce between our people and Cuba, going to the extreme of using the navy for that purpose without warrant of law or precedent, as he as president has stubbornly refused to recognize that a state of war exists in Cuba, it is high time that he should be asked to explain his course. He will probably have an opportunity supplemented with a diplomatic demand to give congress some explanation and if he ever attempts to take his untenable position will be fully exposed.

## PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Corn Hortense Smith, of Arkansas City, Kan., who is described as "young, pretty and unmarried," owns a large ranch and 5,000 head of cattle.

—In one room of the Maine Central railroad general offices are employed a son of Joseph H. Manley, a nephew of Arthur Sewall, and a nephew of Thomas B. Reed.

—It is related of a Durham cattle man that he went to Kansas City, Kan., and while drunk bought a block of town lots which a few days afterward he sold at \$8,000 profit.

—A writer in the Windsor Magazine says that "even Mr. Gladstone, that greatest of all sticklers for official reticence, held that a cabinet minister might impart secrets to his wife and his private secretary."

—Sir Henry Keppel, 57 years of age, is now the senior admiral in the British navy list, but Sir Alexander Milne, who is 96, and who entered the navy 55 years ago, is the oldest admiral, and the one who has served longest.

—President Britton, of the New Orleans city council has directed the committee on budget and assessment to transfer the amount of his salary, \$3,000, to the contingent fund, as he does not intend to accept any money consideration for his official services.

—Mrs. Langtry has begun her third suit for divorce from her husband. The action is brought in London, the others having been in the courts of California. They were married 21 years ago, but have not lived together since she went on the stage, in 1881. Mrs. Langtry is now 44 years old. She has acted but little in the last two years, but is considered pretty well off in this world's goods.

## THE GOLDEN STATE.

California is Widely Celebrated, But Little Known.

In the first place California is not known by what millions of people have seen, but what millions have read. Europe is better known by contact to Americans than California. A prominent American author recently "discovered" California and filled the newspapers with the interesting and suggestive impressions it had made upon his mind. He had been to Europe 20 times, and to the Pacific coast once, which is once oftener than many other distinguished travelers of the eastern seaboard. Still further, the Anglo-Saxon race is dealing with new conditions in California. Coming from dense forests, from a land of heavy rainfall, and from a temperate climate where winters are long and stern, it settled in treeless deserts, in a land of slight and peculiar rainfall, and under a sky that never knows the winter. Finally, California is in its infancy, having recently celebrated its forty-sixth birthday as an American commonwealth.

Born in a paroxysm of speculation—one of the wildest the world has ever seen—it has outlived a trying experience of lesser economic epilepsy, and come to the threshold of its true career strengthened and purified by the extraordinary process. In less than half a century several far-reaching changes have swept through the industrial and social life of the state, swiftly altering the conditions of labor and of business. Even for those living in the midst of these events, it has been difficult to read their significance and estimate their influence on the ultimate character of the place and people. What wonder, then, that to the outside world California has meantime appeared like a jumble of gold, palms and oranges, of gilded millionaires and hopeless paupers, of enviable farmers living luxuriously on small sections of paradise, and of servile alien laborers herded in stifling tenements? Such are the conflicting aspects of the Golden state to those who view them from afar. —William F. Smythe, in Century.

Eleven thousand dollars have been paid into the city treasury of Danville for license during the year past.

## OFFICE WINDOW CLEANERS.

New Industry Employing Thousands of Men Has Grown Up in Chicago.

The rapid increase in the number of tall buildings in Chicago in recent years has begotten a new industry. It is the cleaning of its windows and outer walls of the many "skyscrapers," so numerous in Chicago.

The army of employees who pursue this seemingly perilous profession numbers thousands, and there is a healthy increase every year. They are but fairly well paid, considering the skill required. The danger incurred seems great, but the occupation is not so dangerous as it appears, for there are few fatal accidents. This is due to the fact that from the necessity of such a profession there have grown several patented devices which have minimized fatalities.

The most important of these devices is the "life guard" which may be seen attached to the windows of almost any of the tall buildings in the downtown district. It is a steel rod arranged transversely with respect to the window, so as to protect the window cleaner from falling and dashing out his life. This rod is attached by an arm on either side, each arm fitting into a patent socket on the window sill. Another device is found in the rope attachment, which secures the operator against the danger of falling. The rope is fastened to the window sill, and attached to a belt around the body of the man at work. It is sufficiently long to allow him full play for working.

The contrivance used for cleaning the exterior of walls is as simple as the other devices. It is a kind of scaffold depending from the top of the tall building or alongside the wall by means of ropes on either end. The use of pulleys allows the scaffold to be lowered and drawn up as necessity may demand.

All of the buildings in Chicago, large or small, are kept clean and tidy. Especial attention is paid to the windows. This requires constant work, and a regular corps of professionals are employed for that specific duty.

In the Masonic building, which has 1,400 windows, six men are kept washing them week in and out. As a result each window is attended to once a week. At the same time the exterior walls are brushed as often. Two men are employed to clean the marble walls of the court twice a week.

The Stock Exchange building employs four window men regularly, and sometimes adds extras. Its windows are passed over as often as those of the Masonic Temple. Once a year the walls are washed.

At the Monadnock there are five and sometimes more. The Bookery has four; Chamber of Commerce, six; Unity, five; Home Insurance, three; the Temple, W. C. T. U., three; Continental four, Marquette, five; Chicago Little and Tenth, three; Old Colony, two. From two to six are employed on the other big buildings. The salary of these men ranges from \$10 to \$50 per month. Most of them are former sailors.

Less than ten years ago a professional window cleaner was not known in Chicago or any other city. Every man looked after his own windows. In consequence they were not always clean. Now the owners of the building, have this work done by salaried men, and the expense has been a fixed charge. —Chicago Times-Herald.

## Great Turtle Shells.

The huge turtles that existed during the youth of the world appear to have inhabited the foothills of the Himalaya mountains. The shells and bones of these extinct creatures, which occasionally wash out of the ravines where they have been buried for ages, prove that they were more than twice as large as any specimen of the tortoise family which now exists. —Chicago Times-Herald.

## He Felt Crowded.

"What, then," the new woman asked defiantly— "what, then, is woman's sphere to-day?"

The old man shook his head in sorrow. "The earth seems to be woman's sphere," he said, ruefully.—Odds and Ends.

A farmer near Benson began to shell corn so early in the morning one day last week that by daylight he had hauled off over 1000 bushels.

There are twenty-eight cases against Foreman, the Pontiac forger, set for trial at the January term of Livingston circuit court.



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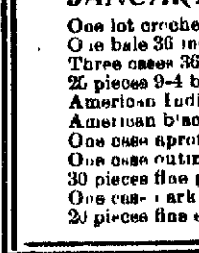


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All wool red blanket for \$1.85 pair.  
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Fine wool blankets in white, ecru, grey and tan, bought to sell at \$4.50, but we want to close them out, hence this price \$2.49 pr.  
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American Ludlow blue cotton (no seconds) at 35c yd.  
American black and white, Turkey Red, etc., at 35c yd.  
One case apron Gingham. Best quality, 3c yd.  
One case outing Towels, 12-4 and 10-4 kind at 6c.  
30 pieces fine printed wrapper flannels. All the new colorings at 85c yd.  
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### Ex-Romanist.

Margaret L. Shephard nee Sister Magdalene Adelaide, will lecture in the Christian tabernacle on Thursday afternoon and evening, Jan. 7, afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Special private lecture to ladies only, subject, "Secret Confession to the Priest" exposed, and reasons why protestants should not marry Roman Catholics. Evening lecture at 8 o'clock, for both ladies and gentlemen. Subject, "The sacrifice of the mass: Is the water the body, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ." Admission 15 cents. —5588

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### Sales of Real Estate.

Mary Whitsett to Edna Call, lot 17 in block 2, Wood's second addition, \$1450.  
Mary P. H. Shupson to John Ward, tract in 16, 12 east, \$1600.  
James Jordan to Henry T. Brown, tract in 27, 10, 1 east, \$3400.

Chicago & Alton officials are experimenting with gasoline as a substitute for steam in their pumping engines for their water tanks. If the experiment is successful the change will be made at a saving of \$10,000 a year.

### Theo. Got There.

Theodore Nelson has been re-elected secretary of the Democratic state central committee. Dwight Andrews, of Chicago, Altgeld's pet, is the new chairman of the state committee.

Pontiac Free Trader The Morris farm of 160 acres in Livingston county was sold by the administrator last week and went to E. M. Phillips at \$65 per acre. Two years ago it would have been considered cheap at \$85.

Kill Bikers They Don't Like. Constantinople, Jan. 5.—Bakros 1600, the Armenian recently appointed sub-kaimakan, of Tscharsandjuk, was assassinated two days after his arrival there.

Scott Higgins and Everett Davis, of Pesotum, went hunting Christmas day, when the gun of the latter was accidentally discharged and seriously, if not fatally, wounded his companion.

A Few New Postmasters. Washington, Jan. 5.—The president nominated the following Illinois postmasters: C. W. Merrill, Winnetka; H. W. Booth, Sheffield.

G. C. Brown, of Homer, had a fine hunting coll for which he had refused an offer of \$1500, shot and killed in his pasture, presumably by hunters.

Eminent Physician Dead. Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Prof. William H. Pancoast, a distinguished physician, died today, aged 64.

Weather Probabilities. Chicago, Jan. 5.—Generally fair; continuing cold tonight; Wednesday, brisk westerly winds.

Take Advantage of our low prices on all Christmas goods next week.  
E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Married. By Judge Hammer at his office, Jan. 5, Frank Etobison and Miss Daisy D. Ryan, both of Christian county, Illinois.

Miss Grace Gillmore, who has been in the city visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Gillmore, left today for Jacksonville where she attends school.

Miss Agnes Hamlin, who has been visiting Rev. W. F. Gillmore and family, returned today to her home in Shelbyville.

**Gail Borden Eagle Brand Condensed Milk**  
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### SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed to deliver by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of W. L. Johnson and against Arthur Flood and Catherine Flood, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lots one (1), and two (2), Block two (2), Plant & Cattle's Addition to the City of Decatur. Taken as property of the said Arthur Flood and Catherine Flood, which I shall offer at public sale at north door of court house in Decatur in Macon county, in and to the 25th day of January, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 5th day of January, A. D. 1897.  
J. P. Nicholson,  
Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.

### TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

FOR SALE—Fine land near Beaman and Port Arthur, Texas. Low prices. Easy Terms. Good schools, low taxes, no drought or blizzards. Profitable crops: rice, cotton, fruit, vegetables. Enquire of A. L. S. S. & P. L. B. 110, 1. U. City Ticket Office, Decatur, Ill. Jan 5-dw

### FOR THE MYERS MURDER TRIAL.

Special Venue for 100 Petit Jurymen in the Circuit Court.

In the circuit court last evening Judge Vall issued an order for a special venire of 100 petit jurymen to report in court on Tuesday, Jan. 11, to undergo examination as to their qualifications to serve as jurors in the second trial of Joe Myers for the murder of August Hackman whose body, it will be recalled, was found last spring beneath a pile of brush east of the city. There was a hole in the back of Hackman's head, indicating that he had been killed. The jurymen drawn by Deputy Clerk Clark McClellan and County Clerk Dodd were as follows:

P. R. Kennedy, S. E. Huff, Robert R. Hays, Samuel Carson, Samuel Kellogg, Frank Keck, J. C. Lowery, S. D. Dossou, Edwin Kuny, W. H. Muzzy, B. B. Blackstone, George W. Jones, Elmer Butler, Daniel Eile, W. W. Richards, J. C. Beaty, S. C. Hanks, J. M. Willard, W. L. Newman, H. Snarr, C. H. Cassell, George Sanford, John Scott, E. B. Falschner, J. S. Cox, John A. Keck, P. Schlosser, Joseph Claypool, Thos. Richardson, Robert Stewart, E. G. Allen, August Hahan, V. A. Shank, Charles Stiles, P. E. Flinn, W. C. Pluck, Clinton Elwood, R. G. DeGroat, Fred Ives, W. O. Sibley, Robert S. Welch, J. O. Spence, Charles Walsley, J. E. Boutwell, Leonard Light, George S. Curtis, H. B. Hill, H. C. Ditzler, George Price, H. B. Montgomery, C. T. Pope, J. E. Kennelly, J. A. Eymann, W. C. Colman, Wm. Heil, G. W. Myers, Fred Jostes, Jr., T. F. Talbot, A. C. Birks, J. H. Good, D. W. Trimmer, Amos Brown, James Cadwalader, W. S. Baker, Samuel Slater, C. L. Jones, F. J. Jordan, R. E. Nesbitt, H. C. Harrington, A. F. Roberts, Charles Foster, Roll Ogden, William Franks, Richard Blackburn, W. H. Thompson, Hillary Beall, William J. Lawton, William C. Jones, S. A. D. Likins, Grant Wheeler, Peter Gird, D. B. Hedding, William Bowen, E. H. Baugh, F. H. Henshale, W. H. Frey, H. L. Ferguson, N. K. Hedrick, Charles Bauer, William Hardy, Levi Baughman, W. N. Allen, Jno. E. Petzer, James Boyer, Levi Scott, Elmer Morris, H. C. Kaylor, C. T. Wells, Patrick Ryan, William H. Erlman.

### WILL ELECT OFFICERS.

Annual Meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Will be Held This Evening—Remember that Woodford May Resign.

The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held this evening at the association rooms in the Columbia block. It is the time when the officers are elected and other annual business transacted. It is rumored that the general secretary, N. W. Woodford, who has held that position for a number of years, will resign. Mr. Woodford, when asked about the matter today, was non-committal. He said that he did not know just what was going to be done and whether or not he continued in office would remain to be seen and would depend on what action was taken by the official board this evening. Mr. Woodford said that he had heard the rumor that he was going to tender his resignation but would not say whether or not there was foundation for the statement.

The Ideal Panacea. James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations." Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. At West's drug store.

### MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 5, 1897. The REPUBLICAN is indebted to S. L. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations:

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
January.....	81	81 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2
May.....	79 1/2	79 3/4	78 1/2	78 3/4
July.....				
Corn—				
January.....	25 1/2	25 3/4	25 1/4	25 3/4
May.....	20 1/2	20 3/4	20 1/4	20 3/4
July.....				
Oats—				
January.....	19 1/2	19 3/4	19 1/4	19 3/4
May.....				
July.....				
Lard—				
January.....	4 00	4 00	3 95	3 97 1/2
May.....				
July.....				
Butter—				
January.....	3 97 1/2	4 00	3 95	4 00
May.....				
July.....				
May wheat: puts, 82 1/2c; calls, 84c; curls, 83c.				

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—FOR 1897.  
Wheat—87, Estimated, 48. Year ago, 60.  
Corn—180; Estimated, 210; a year ago, 203.  
Oats—225; Estimated, 230; a year ago, 285.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.  
Wheat, 17; Corn, 154; oats 110.  
 hog receipts 14,000, estimated 20,000. Market strong.

Light, \$3 32 1/2 @ 32. Mixed \$3 32 1/2 @ 32. Heavy \$3 30 @ 32. 35; Rough \$3 10 @ 32. 25. Estimated for to-morrow, 30,000.  
Cattle receipts, 4,000 market steady.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.  
St. Louis, Jan. 5.—Wheat, cash, No. 3, 80c; May, 78c; Corn, cash, 20c; May, 22c; Oats, cash, 17 1/2c; May, 16c.

NEW YORK MARKET.  
New York, Jan. 5.—Wheat, May, 80c; Corn, May, 31 1/2c; Oats, May, 24 1/2c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Butter, steady, cream-ory, 13 1/2c; Eggs, 12c; lard, 14 1/2c.

PROBABLE QUOTATIONS.  
FLORIDA, Jan. 5.—Cocoa, firm, No. 2 white, 15c; Oats, easy, No. 2, white, 13 1/2c; lard, nominal.

Yes, 'tis true;  
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DR. M. BRANDOM, OCULIST. SUITE 305. DR. C. W. BRANDOM, OPTICIAN. SUITE 306.

DR. JOHN T. MILLER, PHYSICIAN. SUITE 306.

DR. W. M. CATTO, ...PHYSICIAN... SUITE 309.

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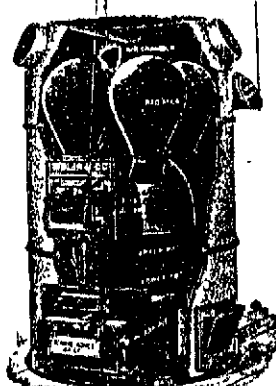
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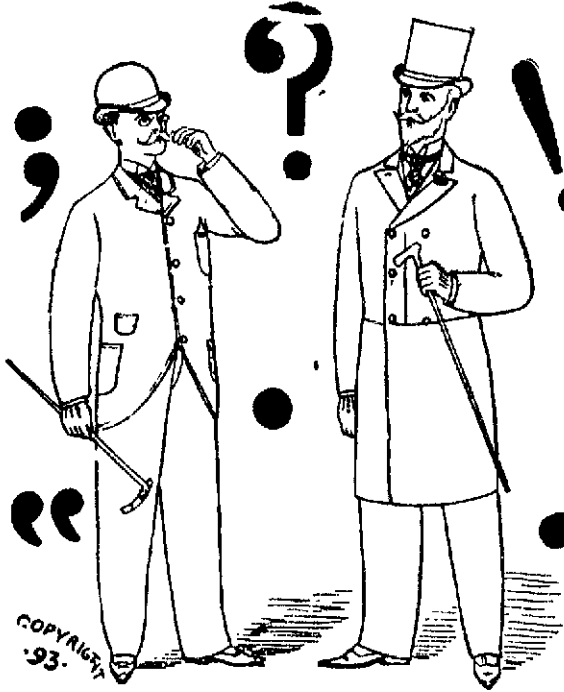
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## THE CEMETERY AT SCUTARI.

Why the Osmanli Prefer to Be Buried at That Particular Place.

"And why do the Osmanli prefer Scutari as a burial place to any other?" "Because it is there the trumpet of the archangel will be first heard. The true believers who lie at Scutari will first rise to answer it; next the faithful from the other parts of the earth. After that the Hebrews, and, lastly, the Gloures, who follow other gods."

Thus spoke a grave old turbaned Turk, who stood beneath a cypress tree on the slopes of the world-famed cemetery on the Sea of Marmora.

"All know," he went on, in calm, judicial accents, "that when the last days of the world are drawing near, the Osmanli will be driven forth from Stamboul by the Frank. Then, for a space, there will be trouble and turmoil on the earth; all Sons of the Faithful will fly to Scutari as a refuge; there they, the living and the dead alike, will await the Day of Judgment."

With that, thinking it was a hurt to his dignity to parley longer with a Gloures, he gathered his robes about him, saluted majestically, then passed slowly away down to the gates of the cemetery, leaving the stranger to wander at his pleasure through that forest of tall tombstones standing erect.

The coup d'oeil is picturesque in the extreme. As far as one can see, the long, slender shafts of marble rise beneath the shadow of the massive cypresses—the Tree of Allah, the Osmanli call it, which points its finger to the sky—while the luxuriant vegetation of the east clusters around the base of the shafts, emphasizing their snowy whiteness and preventing them from being too dazzling to the eye.

Each tomb bears its own decoration. A single leaflet, the drooping petals of a rose, or a graceful branch of fern indicate that a female form lies below. A turban or fez shows that the dead person was a man. Lamps, ostrich eggs, cushions, fringed and colored handkerchiefs of varied hue, all have their own significance, while here and there will be some tall stone, sculptured from end to end, its ornamentation in high relief, enshrined by a number of smaller ones, which proves that the father of a family—a man of wealth—rests here surrounded by his wives and children. A curved scimitar shows that a man of war reposes here; an anchor marks the sleeping place of a sailor; a wand of office proves that the dead man held some post of command. So on, till something is learned of all, even though one may not be able to decipher the fantastic Arabic characters which tell with more detail the history of the dead.

The terms in which the Turk expresses his lamentations are often very pathetic, especially when they refer to the loss of his wife or child.

There is one, taken from the tomb of a young girl, which effectively combats the common western delusion that the Osmanli believe that women are born without souls or hope of future life.

"The cold blasts of fate caused this nightingale to wing its way to Heaven. There it has found its awaited bliss. Zennab is the name of her who lies here, and for her Lababa, who wrote these lines, offers humble petition. Weep not for her, for, though dead, she has become a sojourner in the Gardens of Paradise."—St. Paul's.

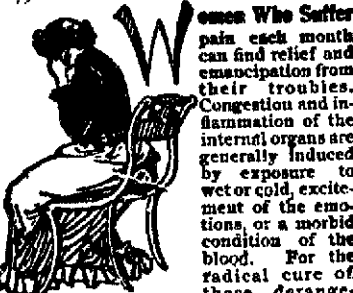
## SCENERY OF GUIANA.

It is More Enchanting Than the Imagination Can Picture.

Whatever discomforts the traveler may have to undergo in journeying through Guiana, he is compensated for them by the scenery, which is more enchanting than the loftiest flight of the imagination can picture. As soon as you leave the low swampy at the great mouth of the Orinoco, the land rises gradually toward the hazy blue range of the peaks of which are clearly outlined against the clear tropic sky. Still farther into the interior, following the windings of the Rio Cuyuni, the green banks of which are bright with scarlet passion-flowers, you see more mountain peaks, and innumerable cascades and waterfalls tumbling and roaring over rocks that raise their black heads above the surface of the water. On all sides countless parasites entwine themselves in the most intricate and fantastic fashion around the branches of the lofty trees.

It was my good fortune to reach one of the loftiest of the Imatan peaks just at sunset, the hour that most impresses all travelers. To the south and east, as far as the eye could reach, the scene was one of indescribable beauty and grandeur. Below, the great Cuyuni, unknown to the world for so many generations, but now with a name in history, wound in and out of the green valley like a serpent of a thousand colors. The soft rays of the afternoon sun, glimmering through the mist of waters, fell upon the river in showers of rubies, sapphires and diamonds. Soon darkness closed upon the valley, for in the tropics the twilight is as brief as it is entrancing; and on all sides the tiny campfires of the Indians twinkled like myriads of fireflies. Now and then the stillness was broken by the night cry of some wild animal in the distant jungle.—W. Nephew King, in Century.

The "Tree of Life." The Guarunos are to be found all over the delta of the Orinoco. They eat little and wear less. Many authorities claim that they subsist on the moriche palm tree alone. Whether this be true or not, the tree in question is without doubt an indispensable factor in the problem of life. Not only does it furnish a safe elevation for a home, but gives a nutritious sago, or meal, from which bread is made, a tree 13 years old yielding 600 pounds of this meal. In addition, the juice furnishes a kind of wine, and out of the fiber is made cord, rope, hammocks and a rude species of cloth. This tree, owing to the many and various purposes it serves, was called by the early missionaries the "tree of life."—W. Nephew King, in Century.



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Mrs. MALVINA WILSON, of Boothville, Marion Co., W. Va., writes:

"For twelve long years I suffered greatly with extreme nervousness, stomach and uterine diseases. I had doctors with four physicians with little or no good, and one of them was as good a physician as could be had here; he gave me up as a lost case. None of my friends thought I could get well. We had tried almost everything, and at last I thought I would try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I had been bed-fast most of the time for almost two years. After taking several bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription' and following the directions strictly, I now enjoy better health than ever before in my life. I only weighed a little over one hundred pounds and now I weigh 160 pounds."

"Stump" Is a Danish Word.

A good deal has been heard lately about the "stump" in the city. The word is expressive, and is generally believed to be "laugh," but at one time it was in general use, although it is now only to be heard in out-of-the-way districts of the provinces. The Aitken Review points out that it is of Danish origin, and, according to Dr. Raven, was applied in many a metaphorical way. To his recently published "History of Suffolk" Dr. Raven says that it is still of common use in this country. Unsuccessful litigants were stumped "stumped again," says Palmer in his "Perturbation of Great Yarmouth," was shouted derisively to one who had been a second time unsuccessful. For by explains it "to sink suddenly into deep mud or rotten ground," and Moor cites "I came in such a stump." But, then, he never knew what a Throgmorton street stump was like. —Westminster Gazette.

Once Lifts a Ton

The shellfish limpet pulls 1,884 times its own weight when in the air and about double when measured in the water. Thus pull 1,100 times their own dead weight. The Mediterranean cockle Venus verucosa can exert a pulling power equal to 2,071 times the weight of its own body. So great is the power possessed by the oyster that to open it a force equal to 1,319.5 times the weight of its shellfish body is required. If the human being possessed strength as great in proportion as that of these shell fish the average man would be able to lift the enormous weight of 2,976,000 pounds, pulling in the same degree as the limpet. And if the man pulled in the same proportionate degree as the cockle he would sustain a weight of no less than 4,100,500 pounds. —Worthington's Magazine.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never your mind where the liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or left ear De Witt's Little Early Rise would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your pig-lamps." A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

G. C. Brown, of Homer, had a fine racing colt for which he had refused an offer of \$1500, shot and killed in his pasture, presumably by hunters.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, are quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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Scott Higgins and Everett Davis, of Penont, went hunting Christmas day, when the gun of the latter was accidentally discharged and seriously, if not fatally, wounded his companion.

The old lady was right when she said, the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the life of the one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. He had used it for croup before. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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5 lb. " ".....	20c	10 " Mother Goose Soap.....	25c
Best Gunpowder Tea.....	15c	10 " Vigo Soap.....	25c
Best Imperial Tea.....	10c	6 " V. Oil Soap.....	25c
Best Uncolored Japan.....	35c	6 " G. C. Soap.....	25c
Broken Java Coffee, lb.....	10c	4 " Wool Soap.....	25c
Golden Rio Coffee, lb.....	25c	6 " Tar.....	25c
10c Blueing.....	5c	Clothespins, per doz.....	1c
7 lbs. Bulk Starch.....	25c	5 gallons Oil.....	45c
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### LOCAL NEWS.

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Fall to call upon us if you want a dinner set.  
E. D. Bartholomew Co.  
Irwin's Russian corn cure has no equal.  
Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.  
Toilet soap sale at West's drug store.  
You pay a little more for Slooth's portraits but—  
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.  
Hot water bottles and fountain syringes reduced price at Irwin's.  
Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.  
Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 28-dtf  
Glycerine toilet soap, 15 cents per box, former price 25c, West's drug store.  
Smoke the famous Loda, a fine 10 cent cigar, made by John Wolgast. Moh 25-dtf  
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Oat Meal toilet soap, 15c a box, former price, 25c, West's drug store.  
You will find the real estate and loan office of George W. Ehrhart at 137 North Water street, up stairs—31-dtf  
Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant—Oct 21st  
See the "Widow Jones Kiss" in Edison's kinoscope and hear his prize phonograph at the St. Nicholas for three days only.  
George W. Ehrhart, the live real estate and loan broker, has moved to 137 North Water street, second floor, stairway next to Race's.—31-dtf  
To Rent—Cheap, to a family without children, a house of four rooms, cellar, well, cistern and city water. Apply on premises, 705 North Union street. 22-dtf  
The temperature was down to 20 degrees above zero this morning. Today the wind has been from the southwest and some snow fell.  
The members of the Young Ladies' Basket ball team are arranging to lease a room in Powers' block where they will practice playing twice a week during the winter. The team hopes to attain such skill that they will be qualified to defeat the saucy girls at Bloomington and Springfield.  
To accommodate all who desire to see Governor Tanner inaugurate the Wabash railroad will on Monday, Jan. 11, run a special train to Springfield, leaving at 7:30 a. m. Only one fare for the round trip. In addition to this tickets at above low rates will be sold for all regular trains of Jan. 9, 10 and 11, good returning till Jan. 13. 4-dtf  
Ladies' and Children's made-up dresses, capes and cloaks nicely dyed, cleaned and pressed. Fine dry cleaning a specialty. Ladies' cloaks and capes re-lined and repaired. Plush and velvet cloaks and capes cleaned and steamed at Miller's New Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 North Main street.

### The Princess of the Orient

The regular January meeting of the Princess of the Orient will be held Wednesday evening, January 7, at K. of P. hall in Opera House block. Let every prince be present on time.  
Those who have not paid their dues will do well to come up and settle and save expense. Pay 50 cents now and it will not be \$2.00 after the 7th. The new pass word will be promulgated by the new pada shah, John Gardner.



### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. H. F. May is home from a visit to St. Louis.  
Hamilton Fenton arrived in the city from Chicago last night.  
Mrs. A. B. Alexander is home from a visit to Sandusky, Ohio.  
Miss Danely left last night for Evans-ton where she attends school.  
Rev. Father Thomas Finn of Rochelle, is in the city visiting friends.  
Dr. Will Barnes was in Blue Mound last night on professional business.  
J. H. LaMar of St. Louis, the Mosher safe man, is in the city on a visit.  
Miss Anna Roberts is home from Peoria where she has been visiting friends.  
Cecil Jack, who has been home for the Christmas vacation, has returned to Ann Arbor.

Dr. A. M. Drow, who has been confined to his home by illness, is able to be at his office.  
Mrs. James Bump arrived home last night from Danville where she has been visiting friends.  
Charles Conklin, who has been visiting his parents, Mayor Conklin and wife, left yesterday for Chicago.

B. Stine, whose health is slightly improved, has gone to Battle Creek, Mich., to be absent several months.

Rev. J. N. Randall has moved his office from the Gallacher block to the Temple block. He has rooms 8, 9 and 10.

Frank Bean and wife, who have been visiting T. A. Pritchett and family, have returned to their home in Farmer City.

Mrs. Dunn is seriously ill of pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas McGowan, No. 985 East Eldorado street.

Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Steward of Taylorville, have been guests of Prof. R. B. Leonard and family during the past few days.

G. D. Applegate and family and A. S. Cress and family, who have been in the city to attend the funerals of Mrs. J. B. Nowlin and Mrs. Clarence Emery, have returned to their homes in Holdridge, Neb.

Supervisor George W. Stoy is still confined to his home in Riverside Place, suffering from the injury to his knee inflicted some months ago. But he is getting better. This will be good news to his many friends.

Jacksonville Journal: Prof. Otto Soldan, one of the finest violinists in the country, will recently concert master of one of the finest orchestras in Germany, has been engaged by the College of music as the regular instructor in violin.

### FUNERAL OF HOWARD WILLIAMS.

It Was Held This Afternoon at the U. B. Church and was Attended by Peasemen and Firemen.

The funeral of the late Howard Williams, a member of the city fire department, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the U. B. church. There was a large attendance. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Spray. The members of the fire department and the city police force attended the funeral in a body and marched to the cemetery. There were many beautiful floral offerings among which a horse shoe and wreath from the firemen, a large floral star from the police force and a large horse shoe from the blacksmiths. The burial took place at Greenwood cemetery. The pall bearers were the following members of the fire department: Thomas Edwards, Fred Smith, A. Enlow, William Schlem, Wesley Owen and S. T. Lowry.

The members of the board of directors of the Anna B. Millikin Home held a meeting this morning at the residence of Mrs. A. T. Bill on West Prairie avenue. The ladies wish to extend a vote of thanks to the managers and participants of the minstrel show and also to the business men who purchased large numbers of tickets. The entertainment was a great financial success and the treasurer of the board reports that there is now \$31.20 as a start for the \$10,000 fund which an effort is being made to raise. The amount mentioned was made from the minstrel show and the support which was given Christmas week. The money is being kept as a separate fund and the ladies expect soon to raise the amount to \$1000.

**Cheap Lunches.**  
The following are the cheap prices at the lunch counter at the Union depot: Java coffee, 5c, sandwiches 5c, baked beans 5c, cake 5c, pie 5c. Other things at reasonable rates.—4 dlf

**Estate of the Late J. B. McCullagh.**  
Globe Democrat: After a conference yesterday with Dr. Richardson, the public administrator, those who hold in trust the estate of the late Joseph B. McCullagh turned it over to that official for the benefit of the heirs. Louis C. Noble delivered a sealed package which Mr. McCullagh entrusted to his keeping several days before his death. Dr. Richardson found that it contained \$1000 in cash, a check by the Globe Printing company for a dividend of \$1800, a week's salary of the dead editor amounting to \$150, and some private papers. President D. M. Houser of the Globe Printing company, turned over to the administrator, Mr. McCullagh's thirty shares of stock in the corporation and four shares of stock in the exposition.

**Building Bulletin.**  
Elsewhere in this paper appears an office bulletin of the Orlando Powers building. The building is rapidly filling up and a force of men is kept busy preparing the offices for incoming tenants.

**Lamp.**  
We will make some prices on lamps that will induce you to buy if you need one.  
E. D. Bartholomew Co.

The Ladies' Aid society of Ransom gave a holiday entertainment that netted \$26.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS

Closing Arguments in the Michael Eichinger Case.

### FOUR LAWYERS ARE HEARD.

Criminal Cases Before Judge Hammer—The Miller Trial—Farmers in the Corridors.

The jury in the Michael Eichinger case, if they conclude to agree, will have the case this evening to bring in a verdict determining whether or not Mr. E. was in his right mind when he made the deed of assignment, by which S. S. Jack came in possession of the entire estate. All of the evidence was submitted to the jury today and the lawyers began their arguments. David Hutchinson, for the conservator, J. W. Race, opened, and was followed by W. C. Johns and I. R. Mills for the assignee, Mr. Jack. This afternoon C. C. Leforge, for the conservator, will close the case.

Looking for the Institute.  
A number of farmers were in the corridors of the building today trying to find the place where the Macon county farmers' institute was being held. They had made a mistake. They said the Orange Judd Farmer contained an announcement that the institute would be held on Jan. 5 and 6. The dates are wrong. The institute dates are Feb. 10 and 11. The publication by the Orange Judd paper was unauthorized and incorrect.

**Miller Caught.**  
Charles Miller, the convict who escaped from the Joliet penitentiary many months ago, was caught the other day at Dallas, Texas, a capture of a very pleasing nature to the Decatur police. Miller is the party who broke into the homes of Mrs. Flak, H. W. Bartholomew and others, and was caught in bed with his pal, Francis, in a house on East Main street. Miller and Francis made nearly a successful effort to escape from the county jail, but they were held and sent to Joliet for burglary and larceny.

**County Court.**  
In the case of the People against Charles E. Wisco, indicted for embezzlement and petit larceny, the motion to quash was overruled. Trial set for Jan. 6.

Henry Miller will be placed on trial this afternoon for larceny. The jury men are W. W. Foster, John S. Jones, George Nicholson, M. J. Wallace, J. M. James, Josephus Vest, Daniel Culp, Toliver Vest, A. E. Cutler, Wm. Pluck, Jr., Wm. Locks and Howard Hanthorn.

The hearing on the petition for the appointment of a conservator for Mrs. Mary Shellabarger is set for Thursday, Jan. 14.

**FIRE NEAR BLUE MOUND.**  
The Home of Richard Thompson Consumed—Loss \$1000.

The two story farm house of Richard Thompson, two miles southwest of Blue Mound, was destroyed by fire at 9 o'clock this morning. Alderman Breck Irwin was at Blue Mound and could easily see the flames from the depot platform. Later it was learned that the barn and outbuildings were saved from destruction. The loss to Mr. Thompson is placed at \$1000.

**Died at the Hospital.**  
In the Wabash hospital at Springfield last evening James Keely, of Decatur, passed away in death due to heart failure after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Keely was 37 years old and unmarried and leaves a father, mother and two brothers, Ed of this city and Patrick of Chicago, and a sister, Anna of Decatur. He was born and raised about one mile east of this city and has been in the railroad business since 1882, most of which time was spent in the Wabash yards in this city, where he was employed as a switchman and for a time as assistant yardmaster.

Undertaker James Moran went to Springfield and brought the body to this city last night. The body was placed in a baggage car and taken to the home of his father, who lives one mile east of the Decatur yards. The funeral will take place from St. Patrick's Catholic church Wednesday.

**Insurance Men in Town.**  
A number of insurance men are in Decatur adjusting the loss by fire at the Gallacher block and at the Leonard department store. The gentlemen are R. S. Odell, R. D. Harvey, Chicago; S. K. Hatfield, J. A. Daggett, Peoria; C. L. French, Jacksonville, James R. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis. They are stopping at the St. Nicholas.

**Cut Glass.**  
We are going to sell what cut glass we have left at prices that will please you.  
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### THE SPANISH TROCHA.

A Description by a Correspondent of the London Paper.

Havana Letter in the London Times: "Under a special authorization from Captain General Weyler I visited and carefully examined the Spanish intrenched line running across the island from the town of Mariel to Majana. The southern section extends from Artemisa, the headquarters, which is connected by the Western railway with Havana, to Majana, on the south coast. The defenses consist of a continuous line of small blockhouses, about 120 yards apart, connected by rifle pits and trenches, and protected in front by barbed wire fencing and at intervals by wire entanglements. The blockhouses are made, some with loose stones piled up with earth on the outside faces, others of two-inch wood planking; the rear of the line is defended by breastworks of loose stone and earth, with occasional blockhouses, as rallying points and to give shelter to the troops. The total distance from Artemisa to Majana is about four miles. At the southernmost point, as it approaches there, the line splits into three, and runs so far half a mile, the object being to avoid any chance of surprise. At four points of the line are camps with strong garrisons acting as supports to the men in the trenches and blockhouses, and, in addition, field artillery are posted at intervals. The central section of the line extends northward from Artemisa to Guanajay, a distance of 13 miles. Here the defenses consist of loose stone breastworks, rifle pits in rear, and barbed wire fencing and wire entanglements in front. At intervals are blockhouses and artillery and machine guns, the occupants for the support being from a mile to a mile and a half apart. The rear of this central section is protected by breastworks of loose stone, earth and palm logs. From Majana to Guanajay the ground is level and fairly open, offering a clear field to fire. In the vicinity of Majana the very low lying land is of a swampy nature, and will be almost impassable in the wet season. The northern section extends from Guanajay to Mariel.

"This is six miles long and runs through broken country of such a nature as to prevent the construction of a continuous line of trenches and blockhouses. All the commanding heights have been fortified and the main road is occupied by infantry pickets, while trenches and breastworks have been constructed at all points on the road where attack is thought likely. At various intervals are stationed supports and strong bodies of troops are billeted in Guanajay and Mariel. In all, the division holding this line of 23 miles numbers 20,000 men of all arms. Most of the work has been done by the soldiers, and fatigue parties were at work from Mariel to Majana at the time of my visit.

"This intrenched line is undoubtedly of great strength, but certain weak points exist, especially in the central and northern sections. Then, again, the rebels have no lines of communication to keep open and have merely themselves and their horses to pass. On a dark and wet night a successful dash may be made, but any such attempt must entail heavy losses and severe fighting.

"An incident serves to show how close the insurgents venture to the Spanish lines. I paid a visit to a minor officer one evening in Artemisa and found him sitting in complete darkness. He explained that only a few nights previously he was seated reading when three bullets flew past his head. Since then he deemed it wiser not to make himself so prominent a target for rebel rifles, and now, only a few days ago, the chief of the staff was shot at while riding down the road from Artemisa to Majana, the ball missing the officer's head by a few inches."

**Visitation of Elderly Officers.**  
On last Sunday evening the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Church of God elected the following officers:  
President—Ola Gunkel  
Vice President—Lottie E. Fritz  
Secretary—Everett Erhart  
Treasurer—J. W. Fritz  
Organist—Annie Nelman.

**Church of God Revival.**  
An interesting revival service is being conducted nightly on the corner of North Water and Corro Gordo streets, by Rev. J. Bernard. The leader is being assisted by a number of able and enthusiastic workers. All are welcome.

**Singing Class.**  
Owing to the many engagements before holidays the organization of the singing class was deferred to Jan. 6. Let all who wish to learn to read music attend the first meeting. S. M. Lutz.—22-4t

**Spontaneous Offer to Ladies.**  
A nice piece of music will be given free with each copy of a January magazine.  
Chodat News House.

**To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.**  
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**The Choral Class.**  
Will resume their rehearsals on Thursday, Jan. 7. S. M. Lutz.—22-4t

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REPUBLICAN SENATOR

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Sergeant-at-Arms  
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